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Ms. Carol Hanlon  
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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

It is my hope and request that the Department of Energy will recommend the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada as the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

Storing high-level radioactive waste at one location appears to be a much better option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation. In respect of the current threats of terrorism, having one site to protect instead of many may be another strong justification for having one site.

From what I have read, the Yucca Mountain site meets many of the scientific environmental concerns.

Recent energy shortages have shown that as a country we will need to continue using the capacity of Nuclear Plants and possibly expand some of that capacity to lower reliability on other energy sources. To appropriately move forward with the Nuclear Energy option I believe it is important for our government to follow up on its promise to identify and create a site to store the radioactive waste.

Please, move forward with the progress to identify and develop a repository for radioactive waste. Recommend the Yucca Mountain site to our President.

Sincerely,



Jay Powick